In The Specification:

On page 21, as labeled in the amended Specification filed on January 24, 2000, in the paragraph beginning at line 10, please amend as follows:

~~Figs. 35A-35I~~ Figs. 35 to 35A-8: functional map and sequence module vector pCAL4

On page 21, as labeled in the original Specification filed January 24, 2000, in the paragraph beginning at line 11, please amend as follows:

~~Figs. 35J-35XXX~~ Figs. 35A-9 to 35A-75: Functional maps and sequences of additional pCAL4 modules (M2, M3, M7I, M7II, M8, M10II, M11II, M12, M13, M19, M20, M21, M41) and of low copy number plasmid vectors (pCALO1 to pCALO3).

On page 21, as labeled in the original Specification filed January 24, 2000, in the paragraph beginning at line 14, please amend as follows:

~~Figs. 35YYY-35CCC~~ Figs. 35A-76 to 35A-80: List of oligonucleotides and primers used for synthesis of pCAL4 vector modules.

On page 38, as labeled in the original Specification filed on January 24, 2000, in the paragraph beginning at line 4, please amend as follows:

All vector modules were characterized by restriction analysis and sequencing. In the case of module M11-II, sequencing of the module revealed a two-base difference in positions 164/65 compared to the sequence database of the template. These two different bases (CA → GC) created an additional BanII site. Since the same two-base difference occurs in the f1 origin of other bacteriophages, it can be assumed that the two-base difference was present in the template and not created by mutagenesis during cloning. This BanII site was removed by site-directed mutagenesis, leading to module M11-III. The BssSI site of module M14 could initially not be removed without impact on the function of the ColE1 origin, therefore M14-Ext2 was used for cloning of the first pCAL vector series. Figures 29 to 34 are showing the functional maps and sequences of the modules used for assembly of the modular vector pCAL4 (see below). The functional maps and sequences of additional modules can be found in ~~Figure 35a~~ Figures 35A-9 to 35A-75. ~~Figure 35b contains a list~~ Figures 35A-76 to 35A-80 contain lists of oligonucleotides and primers used for the synthesis of the modules.

On page 39 as labeled in the original Specification filed on January 24, 2000, in the paragraph beginning at line 3, please amend as follows:

A series of low-copy number plasmid vectors was constructed in a similar way using the p15A module M12 instead of the ColE1 module M14-Ext2. ~~Figure 35a is showing~~ Figures 35A-9 to 35A-75 show the functional maps and sequences of the vectors pCALO1 to pCALO3.